



Rule 63 (37 C.F.R. 1.63)
DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR PATENT APPLICATION IN THE
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the INVENTION ENTITLED SYSTEM FOR INTERCONNECTING STANDARD TELEPHONY COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT TO INTERNET PROTOCOL NETWORKS

the specification of which (CHECK applicable BOX(ES))

-> [] is attached hereto.

X -> [X] was filed on March 6, 1997 as U.S. Application No. 08/ 812,745
BOX(ES) -> [] was filed as PCT International Application No. PCT/ / on _____

-> :> and (if applicable to U.S. or PCT application) was amended on _____

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119/365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate filed by me or my assignee disclosing the subject matter claimed in this application and having a filing date (1) before that of the application on which priority is claimed, or (2) if no priority claimed, before the filing date of this application:

<u>PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)</u>		<u>Date first Laid-open or Published</u>	<u>Date Patented or Granted</u>	<u>Priority Claimed</u>
<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>			<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u>

I hereby claim domestic priority benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119/120/365 of the indicated United States applications listed below and PCT international applications listed above or below and, if this is a continuation-in-part (CIP) application, insofar as the subject matter disclosed and claimed in this application is in addition to that disclosed in such prior applications, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56 which became available between the filing date of each such prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u>PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL, NONPROVISIONAL AND/OR PCT APPLICATION(S)</u>		<u>Status</u>	<u>Priority Claimed</u>
<u>Application No. (series code/serial no.)</u>	<u>Day/MONTH/Year Filed</u>	<u>pending, abandoned, patented</u>	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u>
60/012,896	March 6, 1996	expired	X
60/013,240	March 11, 1996	expired	X

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

And I hereby appoint Anthony L. Miele at Bear Creek Technologies, Inc., 10617 Jones Street, Suite 101, Fairfax, Virginia 22030, telephone number (703) 273-8615 (to whom all communications are to be directed), Registration No. 34,393, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and with the resulting patent.

1. INVENTOR'S SIGNATURE: Joseph B. Thompson Date 7/17/97
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VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(d) and 1.27(c)) - **SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

Inventor(s): Joseph B. THOMPSON
Appln. No.: 08/812,745 or Patent No.: _____

Filed: March 6, 1997 or Issued: _____

Title: SYSTEM FOR INTERCONNECTING STANDARD TELEPHONY COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT TO
INTERNET PROTOCOL NETWORKS

I hereby declare that I am

- the owner of the small business concern identified below:
 an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF CONCERN Bear Creek Technologies, Inc.

ADDRESS OF CONCERN One Perimeter Park South, Suite 230S, Birmingham, Alabama 35243

I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.12, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention entitled: SYSTEM FOR INTERCONNECTING STANDARD TELEPHONY COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT TO INTERNET PROTOCOL NETWORKS

by inventors(s) Joseph B. THOMPSON described in

X ->[] the Specification filed herewith,
one -> Application No. 08/812,745, filed March 6, 1997.
box ->[] Patent No. _____, issued _____.

If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each small entity individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed in (A) and (B) below and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify under 37 CFR 1.9(c) as an independent inventor if that person had made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

(A) FULL NAME of assignee/licensee/grantee/conveyee* Bear Creek Technologies, Inc.

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X proper box: INDIVIDUAL SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

(B) FULL NAME of assignee/licensee/grantee/conveyee* _____ ADDRESS _____

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*NOTE: Separate verified statement is required from each person, concern or organization named in (A) and (B) above having rights to the invention, averring to his/her/its status as a small entity. (37 CFR 1.27)

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this case, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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DATE 7/17/97